

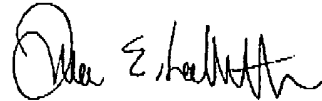
REMARKS

This Amendment places the claims in condition for allowance in accordance with a telephone interview with the examiner.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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